



SO LONG—MSgt. James LeFevre says goodbye to Technical Sergeant Duane K. Hetler. Sgt. Hetler has been the local Air Force recruiter for the past 18 months. He was recently transferred to San Pedro. MSgt. LeFevre replaces Sgt. Hetler as

Aerospace Report

By M-Sgt. James LeFevre

During the past few days we have read many reports and watched many presentations on the flight of the first man into space. Have you thought of the varied and complex support work that went into the "shot" being a success? SUPPORT is a thoroughly elastic term, stretching from routine flying missions in the familiar old "Gooney Bird" to the actual recovery of capsule containing the astronaut. Jet aircraft, too, make their own special contributions to the spectacular accomplishments.

The Atlantic Missile Range, operated by the Air Force Missile Test Center in Florida, is the Free World's largest instrumented range for flight testing high altitude, long distance missiles and rockets. The range extends from the launch site at Cape Canaveral, over the expanses of the South Atlantic and beyond the tip of Africa, terminating

in the Indian Ocean. There are eight islands involved in these missions, they are manned by a technical community of from 8 to 200 men, depending on the particular type of equipment in use.

Instrument used in accomplishing these missions have been developed and are being used by the U.S. Air Force. Technical training is provided to qualified young airmen to operate and maintain this complex equipment. Many young men from this area have qualified for and are now receiving this training. If you would like to be a proud member of this fabulous Space Team, contact your Friendly Air Force Recruiter at 1319 1/2 Sartori Street, Torrance or call FA 8-1404. I will be happy to administer the qualifying examination to you with no obligation on your part. Join us and be proud in saying "That's our answer to the aggressor."

News Of Servicemen

Army Specialist Five **Leo R. Crocker**, 28, whose wife, Barbara, lives at 516 S. 49th West Ave., Tulsa Okla., recently became a member of the Seventh U. S. Army's Order of Gold Patriots while serving with the 35th Transportation Company in Frankfurt, Germany.

Members of this voluntary movement have pledged their support to President John F. Kennedy in reducing the outflow of gold from the U.S. in so doing they have agreed to save a certain percentage of their pay each month. Chapters of the order are being established in all units throughout Seventh Army.

Specialist Crocker, a cook in the 35th, entered the Army in February 1954 and arrived overseas in December 1959 on this tour of duty.

He was graduated from Narbonne High School in Lomita, Calif., in 1950 and attended Los Angeles Harbor Junior College in Wilmington, Calif.

His mother, Mrs. Lois Crocker, lives at 22700 Orchard St., Torrance, Calif.

Army Capt. **John R. Lenassi**, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Lenassi, 16606 Ogram Ave., Torrance, is participating in LOGEX 61, a logistical field training exercise at Fort Lee, Va. The exercise is scheduled to end May 13.

LOGEX, the largest logistical exercise conducted by the Army, involves 11,000 men from technical, administrative and other service schools and from selected reserve units. The exercise is designed to afford students and instructors the opportunity for practical application of procedures required to keep troops supplied and operational in combat.

Captain Lenassi is a student at the Transportation School, Fort Eustis, Va.

He entered the Army in 1951.

The 29-year-old officer is a 1949 graduate of Lane Technical High School in Chicago, Ill., and attended the University of Illinois in Urbana.

Army M/Sgt. **Theodore R. Miller**, whose wife, Ines, lives at 1229 Orchard St., Owosso, Mich., recently received a certificate of achievement while assigned to the U.S. Army Garrison at Fort Shafter, Hawaii.

Sergeant Miller was commended for outstanding performance of his duties as a mess steward in the garrison.

Miller entered the Army in 1944.

He is the son of Ben Miller, 2239 W. 237th St., Torrance, and attended Technical High School, Omaha, Neb.

Army Maj. **Wesley M. Strand**, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harold D. Strand, 22203 Elwood Drive, Torrance, is a member of the 30th Artillery's 2nd Missile Battalion which recently received a superior rating for its performance during annual training tests at Fort Bliss, Tex.

The tents, which were designed to determine individual and unit combat efficiency, culminated a year's training for the 2nd, an Honest John rocket unit. The Honest John is a long-range rocket designed for tactical use in ground combat operations.

Major Strand in executive officer of the battalion at the fort. He entered the Army in 1940.

The 40-year-old officer was graduated from Benson High School in 1933.



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